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Letter dated 14 February 1994 from the representatives of Cambodia and Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency the text of the joint communiqué between H.E. Mr. Chuan Leekpai, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, and His Royal Highness Prince Norodom Ranariddh and His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, First and Second Prime Ministers of the Kingdom of Cambodia, dated 13 January 1994. The joint communiqué was issued during the official visit of the Prime Minister of Thailand to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 12 to 14 January 1994.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its enclosure circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 72 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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(Signed) HRH Prince SISOWATH Sirirath
Permanent Representative
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United Nations

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Annex

Joint communiqué by the Prime Minister of Thailand and the First and Second Prime Ministers of Cambodia, issued at Phnom Penh on 13 January 1994

1. At the invitation of His Royal Highness Prince Norodom Ranariddh and His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, First and Second Prime Ministers of the Royal Government of Cambodia, respectively, His Excellency Mr. Chuan Leekpai, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, paid an official visit, the first ever by a Thai Prime Minister, to the Kingdom of Cambodia from 12 to 14 January 1994.

2. During his stay in Cambodia, His Excellency Mr. Chuan Leekpai met with Samdech Chea Sim, President of the National Assembly and Head of State ad interim. At the meeting, Samdech Chea Sim and His Excellency Mr. Chuan Leekpai noted the positive developments in the situation in South-east Asia and shared the views that the present situation is developing towards peace, stability and cooperation among the countries in the region. Samdech Chea Sim and His Excellency Mr. Chuan Leekpai exchanged views on the present state of relationship between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Kingdom of Thailand and expressed satisfaction at the continuing close ties of friendship and mutual cooperation between the two countries. His Excellency Mr. Chuan Leekpai conveyed, through Samdech Chea Sim, the best wishes of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej and the people of Thailand to His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman, King of Cambodia, for His Majesty's good health, longevity and happiness.

3. During the visit, His Excellency Mr. Chuan Leekpai and his delegation placed a wreath at the Monument of Independence and visited several places of cultural and historical significance in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap. His Excellency Mr. Chuan Leekpai, His Royal Highness Prince Norodom Ranariddh and His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen presided over the opening ceremony of Highway Route 5 between Poipet-Sisophon which was repaired and restored by the Thai Government. His Excellency Mr. Chuan Leekpai, His Royal Highness Prince Norodom Ranariddh and His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen also witnessed the opening ceremony of the Friendship Bridge at Khlongluek-Poipet which was funded by the United Kingdom Government and constructed by the Thai Government.

4. An official meeting between the delegation of the Royal Thai Government, led by His Excellency Mr. Chuan Leekpai, and the delegation of the Royal Government of Cambodia, led by His Royal Highness Prince Norodom Ranariddh and His Excellency Mr. Hun Sen, took place on 12 January 1994 at the Prime Ministers's Office. The meeting took place in an atmosphere of friendship, mutual understanding and cooperation.

5. The Cambodian side welcomed the first official visit by the Prime Minister of Thailand to Cambodia and noted its significance as it opened a new era of relationship between the two countries. The Thai side expressed its appreciation for the warm reception and excellent hospitality accorded by the Cambodian side.

6. The Thai side congratulated His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman on His Majesty's ascension to the throne and praised the leadership role of His Majesty in contributing to the advancement of peace and national reconciliation in Cambodia.

7. The two sides noted that the end of the cold war has ushered in an atmosphere of increasing understanding among nations in South-East Asia. The remarkable economic development throughout the region has made South-East Asia one of the world's most dynamic regions for development. Both sides agreed that the opportunity for further forging of economic linkages and interdependence among the countries in the region should not be lost as it will contribute to increasing stability and prosperity in the region.

8. The Thai side welcomed and strongly supported the establishment of the new democratic Cambodian Government and expressed confidence that the latter will attain lasting peace and prosperity in Cambodia. The Thai side praised the continuing efforts of the Cambodian Government aimed at bringing about genuine national reconciliation which is in accordance with His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman's guidance.

9. The Cambodian side expressed its deep appreciation to the people of Thailand for their firm and continuing support for the peace process in Cambodia and for Thailand's constructive role in the successful implementation of the Paris peace accords.

10. The Thai side welcomed the return of Cambodia to the international community as an independent and democratic country and reiterated its firm intention to support the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Cambodia so that Cambodia will prosper alongside other countries in the region. The Thai side informed the Cambodian side that, for the fiscal year 1993-1994, the Royal Thai Government has allocated a budget of 30 million baht to assist Cambodia, especially in areas of human resource development and technical assistance in various fields such as in public health, agriculture, vocational training, education, banking, civil aviation, science and technology. The Cambodian side sincerely thanked the Thai side for providing such assistance.

11. Both sides expressed satisfaction at the present state of relationship between the two countries and reaffirmed their determination to constantly and concretely strengthen bilateral ties on the basis of mutual benefit and respect for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of each other.

12. In order to promote trade and investment, the Cambodian side reaffirmed its policy to honour legitimate contracts previously entered upon by Thai businessmen and the Cambodian parties and by Cambodian businessmen and the Thai parties. In case of unclear business contracts, the Cambodian side informed that it will review such contracts in a just and non-discriminatory manner and, pending changes to be made in the contracts, consult the concerned Thai businessmen with a view to ensuring fairness and mutual benefits for all parties. In response to the request from the Cambodian side, the Thai side agreed that the importation of soybeans from Cambodia could be effected in the quantity of 10,000 tons by July 1994.

13. Both sides exchanged views on the prospects for strengthening bilateral cooperation and agreed that potentials for greater cooperation exist in the fields of fishery, offshore joint development and tourism. The criminal and illegal activities by armed individuals and groups on and along the Thai-Cambodian border, affecting the security of both countries, should be looked at seriously. To this end, an agreement on the establishment of a joint commission for bilateral cooperation between Thailand and Cambodia was signed by the Foreign Ministers of the two countries. Both sides also agreed to establish the Thai-Cambodian joint committee on boundary in due course.

14. Both sides agreed in principle that the State visit to be made by His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman to the Kingdom of Thailand would further strengthen the already close and happily existing bonds of relations between Thailand and Cambodia. The mutually agreeable dates would be communicated through diplomatic channels.

15. The two sides welcomed the successful outcome of the visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia by the Prime Minister of Thailand, which represented an important milestone in the history of the good-neighbourly relations between the two countries. The two sides also welcomed the frequent exchange of visits by leaders of the two countries as it served to promote and strengthen bilateral relations and shared the view that there should be more such visits in the future.